

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

### News Notes of Local Happenings.

#### A Grist of Readable Paragraphs Which Should Not be Overlooked By Our Readers.

The normal and public schools will close next week for the holidays.

The board of regents of the normal school of New Mexico will meet here on Thursday of next week.

The students at the agricultural college at Las Cruces are publishing a monthly called the Collegian.

Lieut. Stottler, of the United States army, has gone to Mescalero to take charge of the Indian agency there.

The past few days have been something like winter, but there has been no really disagreeable weather so far this month.

Hanover is one of the busiest camps in New Mexico. There are no idle men in the camp and the probabilities are that the number of men employed there will be steadily increased.

The Dog springs ranch of the Diamond L cattle company has been sold to Mr. M. L. Gruwell, a resident of Colonia Diaz, Mexico. Cattle are being shipped from the ranch to Colorado. They will be wintered near Rocky Ford.

The Knights of Pythias down at Deming are making preparations for a grand New Year's ball which will be given at the depot hotel. The Knights expect to make it the grandest affair of the kind ever given in Deming, and this means a great deal.

The "Sunset Limited," the new fast train which was put on by the Southern Pacific company between San Francisco and New Orleans recently, has proved so popular that the officials of the company are contemplating putting on another fast train.

Dr. Flower, of Boston, who is interested in the Deming Land and Water company, has been again arrested on complaint of Nathaniel C. Foster, of Fairchild, Wis. Col. Smith and Dr. Flower have been having a deal of trouble on account of the Foster investment.

At the meeting held last Saturday night by I. S. Tiffany lodge No. 13, I. O. O. F. of this city, the following officers were elected: Noble grand, Frank Jones; vice grand, W. M. Murphey; secretary, C. E. Windridge; treasurer, L. H. Rowlee; trustee for 18 months, J. Reidlinger.

It is expected that the abandoned buildings at Fort Marcy will be used by the members of the next legislature for legislative halls. But for the neglect of the proper officials to keep the terri-

torial capital insured the legislature might have met in as fine a building as the capitol was before the fire.

The board of county commissioners will meet about the 28th for the transaction of the regular business of the board and the appointment of judges for the precinct elections. The present board will have but one meeting after that, and that will be to turn over the affairs of the county to the new board next month.

The Confidence people at Mogollon have a large amount of wood at the mill, and mine timbers are being hauled to the mine for use there. Although the owners of the property are involved in litigation, it looks as though it would not be long before operations will be commenced at the mill. As soon as this mill is started there will be a good many more men employed in the camp than are at work now.

The married ladies of this and adjoining cities, says an Indiana exchange, are arranging matters to "come their way," especially as regards the husband who stays out late at night. When the husband returns, she goes to the door and whispers softly through the door. "Is that you, Willie?" Her husband's name is not "Willie," and he stays at home every night now, and sleeps with one eye open and a cannon under his pillow!

#### Prosperous Mormons.

News from the Mormon colonies in Mexico say that the crops this year have been far above the average and that the colonists are much encouraged, having made quite a step forward to pay off obligations contracted during the previous dry seasons. The peach crop was a failure at Colonia Juarez, but there was a big yield in Diaz, and at Dublin the corn and cane crop was exceptional. Canning is becoming quite an industry and large quantities of peaches, grapes and tomatoes were canned in Diaz, Dublin and Juarez.

An important industry with plenty of capital will be inaugurated near the colonies during the winter, but the promoters desire to have all arrangements completed before making public the character. Suffice it to say that Deming will be benefitted.

There is also every prospect that the big colonization scheme contemplated for some years, will be put into execution this winter. The new colonies will be established about one hundred and fifty miles south of Deming.

There is a rumor current in the colonies that the custom house will be reopened at Diaz about the first of the year. The colonists are complaining bitterly of the inconvenience of the present arrangements and have been promised relief by the Mexican government. —Deming Headlight.

## LORION MILLER DOWNED.

### A Cow Has Fun With the Territorial Secretary.

A few days ago Lorion Miller, secretary of the territory, was out hunting quail with a party of friends on a ranch belonging to Geo. W. Miles, in Dona Ana county. The secretary is a man of considerable weight physically as well as politically and is not much of a sprinter. He caught sight of a covey of quail and, like a true hunter, fired into them with the intention of killing the whole bunch. How many he slaughtered will never be ascertained, for, as the smoke was clearing away, he saw an infuriated cow making a charge upon him. Not being used to that kind of warfare he threw down his gun probably with the intention of climbing a willow tree, but before he could put any kind of plan into execution, or call upon the territorial militia for protection, the cow was in dangerous proximity and both horns of a serious dilemma presented themselves.

The secretary seized both horns in the name of the territory, but the cow had the dignified secretary in the dirt in a twinkling and was rubbing her nose over his person in a very unceremonious manner. The secretary uttered a Macedonian cry for help and, at the same time, held firmly to the horns. One of the members of the party was in hearing distance, but he immediately began looking for a fence to put between himself and the cow as soon as he took in the situation.

The cow, after having rolled the secretary in the dirt to her satisfaction, paused for breath, and Miller, realizing the usefulness of a gun, released his hold upon the cow's horns and secured his gun. A well directed charge of shot, which took effect in the cow's nose, caused a cessation of hostilities, and Miller retired in as good order as possible.

#### Dona Ana Election Contest.

The taking of evidence in the election contest between Pinito Pino and Albert J. Fountain Jr., at Las Cruces, has been going on for a number of days. Pino is represented by James S. Fielder, of this city and Fountain is represented by A. J. Fountain, S. B. Newcomb and J. R. McFie. The evidence which has been taken so far goes to show that political methods in Dona Ana county are not just what they should be. At this time it is difficult to say what the outcome of the contest will be. The testimony taken will go before the house of representatives and the contest will be decided by the members of the house.

The Pueblo Indians of Las Cruces are making preparations to celebrate the annual feast "Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe" which occurs on the 12th of this month. This saint appeared to the Indians in Tapellac, Mexico, when saints were not as scarce as they are nowadays. She proved herself by miracles, to be more "than we poor mortals be." On the 12th, in front of the church the open ceremonies will be held. —Independent Democrat.